

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: January 8, 2003

From: Diane C. Eidam

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Reference Number 2.2c.(2)
Action

Ref: **Alameda Corridor East Project (Los Angeles County) – Future Consideration of Funding to Construct a Grade Separation at Ramona Boulevard in the City of El Monte (Notice of Determination) (TCRP #54.1) Resolution E-03-02**

Issue:

Should the Commission adopt the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding to construct a grade separation at the Ramona Boulevard crossing of the former Southern Pacific railroad tracks in Los Angeles County by the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority?

Recommendation:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-03-02. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed project.

Background:

This resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act has been completed:

- Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation Project, Union Pacific (former Southern Pacific Line) in the City of El Monte in Los Angeles County

The project is to provide a grade separation in the City of El Monte at the Ramona Boulevard crossing of the former Southern Pacific railroad tracks, which are currently owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. The grade separation would involve placement of portions of Ramona Boulevard in an undercrossing beneath the Southern Pacific tracks. The project is proposed to reduce train noise and vehicular traffic congestion and to improve safety at the Ramona Boulevard grade crossing.

The current estimate for the project is \$38,064,000, of which \$26,230,000 in funding is proposed through the Governor's Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program, Project #54.1. The remaining \$11,834,000 will come from committed federal, local and state funding sources.

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The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority has approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration and has filed a Notice of Determination for this project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study has been transmitted to Commission staff.

The Commission's approval and the resulting filing of the attached Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Approval of Project for Consideration of Funding Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation Project Union Pacific (former Southern Pacific Line) (Los Angeles)

Resolution E-03-02

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project
- Construct a grade separation at the Ramona Boulevard crossing of the former Southern Pacific Line in the City of El Monte in Los Angeles County
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project for future consideration of funding.